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Applicants

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

## **Introductory Comments**

## Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months to expire on June 4, 2003. Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time. It is not believed that the present amendment will require a new search or present new issues. Reconsideration of the application and entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.